

(b) if so, the details of the work done so far during the last two years as on date, State-wise; and

(c) the results achieved so far especially in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Phase III of National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) is yet to start. The cumulative details of work done/achievements in various intervention activities, like Blood Bank, Targetted Intervention advocacy and training, VCTC, PPTCT, Sexually Transmitted Diseases treatment, Care & Support centres, ART & HIV/TB for the period 2004-05 to 2006-07 (till September, 2006) in respect of Andhra Pradesh, district-wise, are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 209 Annexure No. 2].

Indiscriminate charging by private hospitals

†1871. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating any Bill to regulate indiscriminate sprouting of private hospitals, testing centres and laboratories in health sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the system in place to reign in arbitrariness of these private institutes; and

(d) the efforts Government are making in this direction so that the poor people living in rural areas could avail of these facilities and save their lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Health being a State subject, it is for the State Government to regulate the opening, functioning and arbitrariness of private hospitals, testing centres and laboratories in health sector and to make available medical facilities to the poor people living in the rural areas.

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